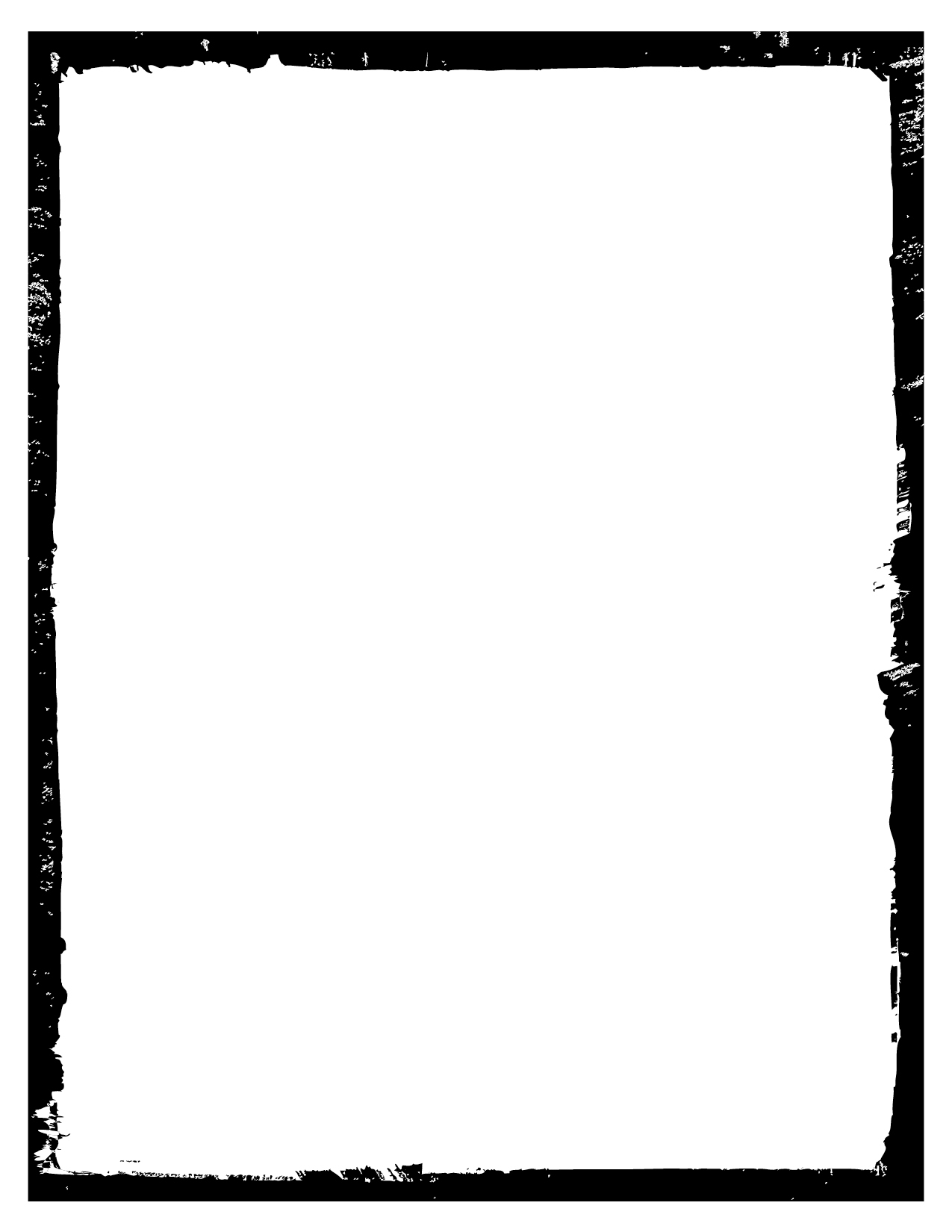
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Angry Mob Hunts Down Suspect



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Atticus Defends Negro

Atticus Finch, a notable lawyer, risks his career to defend Tom Robinson. As this case gains recognition, questions arise of what Robinson did and what will be the outcome.

Charges were pressed on Tom Robinson by the infamous Ewell family. Accordingly, Robinson was accused of raping Mayella Ewell, who is the daughter of Bob Ewell. This event supposedly occurred while Robinson was doing chores for Mayella.

Although we can not yet see the outcome, consequences have all ready grown. Many of the Maycomb county citizens have been irritated by Atticus’s willing to defend the black person. There has been several accounts were Mr. Finch’s children have been jibed at school. Even some of his own family have turned against him and said that he was a bad father. There was also an incident that happened late last night where a mob showed up at the jail house that Robinson is currently located at. There, they ran into Atticus Finch who appeared to be trying to defend Tom Robinson from the drunken crowd. What was the mob’s intention this late at night? What were the clues Atticus had to assume something may happen? But most importantly, how could the innocence of children motivate the angry mob to leave peacefully?

**Not an Easy Day**

Yesterday, Atticus Finch’s dinner was disturbed by Heck Tate and some other men outside on his lawn. They wanted to talk about Tom Robinson and some of the dangers he might encounter that night. Parts of the encounter were overheard by Atticus’s daughter, Scout Finch.  Some of the things she heard said by Mr. Tate was, “. . . movin’ him to a county jail tomorrow.  I don’t look for trouble, but I can’t guarantee there won’t be any…”  Atticus then said, “You’re not scared of that crowd are you?”  Someone replied by saying, “. . . know how they get shinnied up.”  Atticus then said, “They don’t usually drink on Sunday; they go to church most of the day.” “This is a special occasion though.” Someone replied.  This private conversation Heck Tate, Atticus, and the group of men shared was the result of the court case that Atticus was going to take part in.

**Later that night, the mob gathered in front of the jail house where they found Atticus Finch waiting outside. From an interview with Atticus, he said, “I**



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**knew that they were coming from Heck Tate’s warning about some people getting drunk that day. Nothing good ever comes out with a group of people drinking. I came down to protect Tom so they wouldn’t try to harm him.”**

**Someone from the mob told us that they planned to go down there late at night, “so there would be no witnesses for when they were going to kill Tom Robinson.” But when they got there, Atticus was waiting for them. “We didn’t know what to do at first, but then I thought we coulda just kill him too when all of a sudden a little girl and two boys came runnin’ up to Atticus.”**

**The little girl and two boys were Scout and Jem Finch and Dill Harris. We asked Scout a few questions on why she went to the jailhouse so late at night and she replied, “ Jem got me up out of bed and said that he was going to look for Atticus, so I followed him since I didn’t want to be alone at home. We got Dill out of bed and he followed us to the jailhouse. We say this line of cars pull up to the jailhouse and a lot of people got out and gathered around my daddy. I decided to run up to him because I was afraid that the mob was going to hurt him. I thought it was the same people that were at our house this morning but it wasn’t. Atticus kept saying to Jem that he should take us home but he kept refusing. I was looking for a familiar face and then I found Mr. Cunningham. I didn’t know what to do so I started talking about his entailments and his son, Walter. I was so nervous and all of a sudden Mr. Cunningham said that he would say hey to Walter for me and then they left.”**

**The mob left the jailhouse with the help of an innocent girl and her successful attempt to stop the mob’s plans by making them think about what is most important to them.**

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